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The Alaska Plant Materials Center (PMC)

Located in Palmer, the PMC supports the native seed industry in Alaska through the testing, production, development and distribution of agricultural materials to resource industries, commercial growers, or individual organizations who wish to meet environmental requirements. The PMC is a part of the Department of Natural Resources, Division of Agriculture.

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Rural Village Seed Production Project (RVSP)

Serving Alaska's needs in production of native plants.



Bringing native
seed production
to rural Alaska

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Rural Village Seed Production Project



Field of Fireweed—Aniak

Creating Jobs

- Promote the growth of small business models in rural Alaskan villages
- Provide training and guidance on how to use low-tech agricultural resources
- Create valuable job opportunities for Alaskans within their rural communities, supporting their communities.
- Establishing a market for locally grown/produced, native seed for sale to revegetation projects in the region.

Community Involvement

The community knowledge and community resources hold the key to this project. The PMC wants to work with communities to establish a project that both provides an economic boost and incorporates the traditional values of each, individual community.

- Establish lasting relationships with community members statewide
- Inform and educate rural communities about the native seed industry and the role of the PMC
- Connect interested communities in a region and help them work together to meet the revegetation needs of their area

Currently the RVSP is working with six cooperators in the following locations: Aniak, Chignik Lake, Hooper Bay, Manley Hot Springs, Metlakatla, Pedro Bay.



Beach Wildrye—Chignik Lake



Working the field—Metlakatla

Native Seed Production

As development occurs in remote areas of the state there is a need to provide appropriate revegetation materials for the restoration of these sites. Natural resource development such as mining, development of rural roads and airports, and rehabilitation of military lands are all occurring throughout Alaska. This development requires regionally specific material for effective revegetation. Costs can be decreased and more effective revegetation materials can be developed if they are produced in areas near the site to be revegetated.

The goals of the Native Seed Production Project are to;

- Provide regionally-appropriate, native seed for revegetation of disturbed land.
- Produce native seed through field production or wild collections of existing plant stands.